

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**March 22, 2017**

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois.

### **CHECK REGISTER**

The Court signed the Accounts Payable Register for February 2017.

### **UNCOLLECTIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Treasurer/Tax Collector Jennifer Forsyth met with the Court and reviewed the uncollectible personal property tax accounts. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Order GO-04-17: In the matter of Uncollectible Taxes on Personal Property Situated within Malheur County and the Cancellation Thereof. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Four accounts were cancelled, all consisting of destroyed or removed manufactured homes. See instrument #[2017-0966](#)

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of March 15, 2017 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **AMENDMENT - IGA #147797**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Eighteenth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2015-2017 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services Agreement #147797. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment adds \$143 to Problem Gambling Treatment Services. A copy will be returned for recording. See Instrument #2017-1067

### **SEACT APPOINTMENT**

Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Nyssa City Manager Jim Maret to the SEACT (Southeast Area Commission on Transportation) board. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **FAIRGROUNDS**

County Counsel Stephanie Williams explained that topographic surveying services are needed for the fairgrounds rebuilding project. CK3 was the low bidder and the bid amount was \$10,400 (which will be paid by the insurance company). Commissioner Wilson moved to award the survey contract to CK3, LLC. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Professional Services Agreement with Pillar Consulting Group, Inc. for design and project management services associated with the repairs and partial replacements of buildings damaged by the winter storms at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. It was noted by the Court

that this project is an emergency as the buildings need to be repaired and operational by this year's Fair. See instrument #[2017-0967](#)

### **JUSTICE COURT - STAFF VACANCY**

Justice of the Peace Marji Mahony met with the Court telephonically and explained that a staff member is retiring and requested authorization to fill the vacancy. The Court requested Judge Mahony work with Ms. DuBois regarding the vacancy. The job description needs to be reviewed and updated and the financials for personnel need to be reviewed. Commissioner Wilson noted that there is a hiring freeze in place and new staff are not starting until July 1, 2017. Judge Mahony expressed concern with being short staffed until July and with staff struggling to keep up with workloads. Judge Mahony will meet with Ms. DuBois to further discuss the vacancy.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Road Supervisor Richard Moulton met with the Court. Mr. Moulton presented three Crossing Permits for the Court's consideration. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #11-17 to Garold Johnston for placement of a culvert across Napton Road #1052; Crossing Permit #12-17 to Idaho Power to upgrade an overhead recloser on Alder Road #1007; and Crossing Permit #13-17 to Idaho Power to install a transformer bank on an existing pole and overhead service for a new irrigation pump on Jefferson Drive #554. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

Mr. Moulton requested authorization to fill a vacant mechanic position. The Court authorized filling of the position as the Road Department is a dedicated fund/special fund and funding can only be used within the Road Department; it is not a part of the General Fund.

Mr. Moulton also updated the Court on a potential grader purchase; the grader is located in Colorado, has 2300 hours on it, and the purchase price is \$153,000. The Road Department is selling several miscellaneous surplus items. A metal building at the Road Department was damaged by the winter storms and will be demolished and scrapped. Staff is currently grading various county roads as conditions allow.

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.